(c) the target with regard to time-frame fixed to provide employment to all these persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URABN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) as reported by the Ministry of Labour, total number of job seekers on live Register of employment exchanges in the urban areas as on 31.12.2001 were 182.31 lakhs.

(c) The Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has been implementing Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), a Centrally Sponsored Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme, with effect from 1.12.1997 on all India basis with a view to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under-employed poor through (i) encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have read upto 9th standard and (ii) provision of wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

Under SJSRY, the targets are left to be decided by the State Governments in accordance with the guidelines of the scheme and the result of beneficiary surveys.

Officers to assist the States in evolving projects

4933. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the States where his Ministry has sent teams of officers to assist the State Governments in evolving some projects for the proper development of those States;

(b) if so, the details of the projects evolved and assisted;

(c) whether such a team has been sent to Rajasthan to assist the State Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b)A team of officials from Town and Country Planning Organisation (TCPO) and Ministry was sent to Bihar to assist the State

Government in preparing the project report of Aurangabad Town during June, 2000 under the scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT).

(c) and (d) No team has been sent to Rajasthan. However, there are four Planning and Monitoring Cells of NCR Planning Board functioning in Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Delhi, which helps the participating States implementing Agencies in identification and formulation of projects in Delhi Metropolitan Area (DMA), priority towns, Sub-regional centres and Counter Magnet towns.

Slum rehabilitation programme in Mumbai

4934. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have requested for the NOC from the State Government of Maharashtra to their ambitious programme of free housing to the slum dwellers in Mumbai under Slum Rehabilitation Programme; and

(b) if so, the Government's response thereto and the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No such request has been made by the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation to the Government of Maharashtra.

(b) Does not arise.

Proposal of bringing MCD and NDMC under the Ministry of Urban Development

4935. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to place Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), which are presently under the control of Home Ministry, to his Ministry to solve the multiplicity of authorities and check encroachments, unauthorised constructions etc. in Delhi; and